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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Jun Yamada (Japan) from the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, with effect from 10 May 2012. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Mr. Yamada, which expires on 31 December 2012.

2. The Government of Japan has nominated Hitoshi Kozaki to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Yamada.

3. In a communication dated 25 May 2012, the Secretariat was informed by the Chair of the Group of Asia-Pacific States that the candidature of Mr. Kozaki had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is annexed to the present note.

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Annex

Hitoshi Kozaki (Japan)

Date of birth: 2 July 1969

Academic history

1993	BA in law, Osaka City University, Osaka, Japan
1996	BA in political science, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, United States of America

Current position

Since 2011, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, in charge of Japan-Australia and Japan-New Zealand political relations

Professional experience

2009-2011	United Nations Secretariat, Department of Field Support, Field Budget and Financing Division, Senior Programme Management Officer (P-5 level), head of section dealing with budgeting and financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations and political offices
2007-2009	United Nations Secretariat, Department of Field Support, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, Senior Programme Management Officer (P-5 level), in charge of policy and programme coordination and liaison with intergovernmental bodies in the United Nations
2003-2007	Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, Second and First Secretary (designated in 2007 as Senior Expert on United Nations affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan), in charge of the United Nations regular budget, peacekeeping budgets, budgets of the International Tribunals for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia, programme planning, management reform, oversight bodies (Board of Auditors, Office of Internal Oversight Services and Joint Inspection Unit)
2000-2003	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, North American Affairs Bureau, First America Division, official in charge of Japan-United States political relations
1998-2000	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, European Affairs Bureau, Second West Europe Division, official in charge of Japan-United Kingdom political relations
1996-1998	Embassy of Japan in Singapore, attaché and Third Secretary, in charge of Japan-Singapore political relations and protocol
1994-1996	Embassy of Japan in the United States of America, attaché and academic assignment to Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts

1993-1994 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, North American Affairs Bureau, Japan-United States Security Treaty Division

Languages

Japanese, English and basic knowledge of Chinese